

***Scythris empetrella* Karsholt & Nielsen (Lep.: Scythrididae) new to Scotland**

On 18 June 1983 SM visited Findhorn Dunes, near Forres (VC 95, NJ 049645) and swept clumps of *Empetrum* and *Calluna* to record bugs and beetles. As well as these, he caught several small Lepidoptera, which remained pinned but unidentified until sent recently to MY. One of these appeared to belong to Scythrididae and was confirmed as *Scythris empetrella* Karsholt and Nielsen (= *variella* (Stephens)), following dissection by JL.

This species has not previously been found north of the English Midlands but its skulking habits means that it may be under-recorded. Nevertheless the Findhorn location represents a great extension of range. The fact that it was swept from patches of its foodplant make it probable that it is resident at Findhorn, rather than being a stray. Scythridids are not commonly known as migrants.— M.R. YOUNG, Culterty Field Station, Aberdeen University, Newburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB41 6AA; J. LANGMAID, Wilverley, 1 Dorrita Close, Southsea, Hampshire PO4 0NY; S. MORAN, Inverness Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Wynd, Inverness IV2 3ED.

***Dolerus pachycerus* Hartig (Hym.: Tenthredinidae) in East Kent**

*Dolerus pachycerus* Hartig, 1837 was formerly known as *D. taeniatius* Zaddach, 1859. It was stated by Benson (1952, *Handbooks for the Identification of British Insects*, 6 2(b) as being a local species of saltmarshes and recorded only from Devon, Essex, Suffolk and Yorkshire. It may therefore be of interest to record that on 6 May 1990 I took two males of this species in the area known as 100 Acre Meadow at Sandwich Bay TR3461. This area consists of a small area of saltmarsh surrounded by coastal sand. As the identity of the specimens was not ascertained until some time after their collection it is not possible to say exactly where they were swept. However, the site supports a range of rushes, one of the host plants for this group of sawflies. — LAURENCE CLEMONS, 14 St. Johns Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4NE.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**The butterflies of Greece** by **Lazaros N. Pamperis**. 560 pages, numerous colour plates, distribution maps and text figures. 296 x 219mm. Hardbound, ISBN 960 7418 20 4. English and Greek versions available. Published 1997 by Bastas-Plessas, Athens and sponsored by the J. F. Costopoulos Foundation. 26,000 Drachma + 2,300 Drachma postage and packaging from the author at PO Box 1220, 41110 Larissa, Greece.

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